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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 939

**DATE:** September 16, 2010

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care (CDAC) Providers

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Prior Authorization of Selected Waiver Services

**EFFECTIVE:** October 1, 2010

The purpose of this letter is to explain a new requirement that the Department of Human Services review all Individual CDAC services that are in excess of the median amount (or middle point of all provider payments for this service). This requirement affects some other Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waiver categories as well.

In complying with the requirement, the IME will provide an additional step of review for services above the median; however, this will always happen before any service approval is made. Service approvals are announced via a Notice of Decision (NOD). A copy of the NOD is always sent to the provider and indicates what a provider has been approved to bill. A NOD is issued when a CDAC provider is first approved to provide services, when authorized units or rates change and annually thereafter.

As a CDAC provider, you need to do nothing new! This will not affect billing for any currently approved services or claim payment timeframes. However, at the annual review of your services, your consumer's Case Manager may face an added layer of program oversight to make sure the services provided are necessary.

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services CDAC call center at 1-800-338-7909 option 3, or locally (Des Moines) at 256-4609 option 3, or by e-mail: [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).